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SUBJECT: STAG FOR POETRY PROGRAMS

REF: BELGRADE CPP, BRUSSELS 3027

1. STAG GRANT APPROVED FOR SMITH. DEPARTMENT (CU/WE AND CU/EE) WILL PAY INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM, HONORARIUM AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES ALLOWANCE.

2. FOR BELGRADE: AMONG SMITH'S PUBLICATIONS ARE NUMBER OF BOOKS OF POEMS WRITTEN FOR CHILDREN. WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN CHILDREN'S POETRY, SMITH WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND "YOUNG STRUGA" AS WELL AS "STRUGA EVENINGS OF POETRY" EVENING AUGUST 25 THROUGH 28, IF FEASIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE AND ALSO SEND DETAILS ABOUT PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR BOTH EVENTS IF POSSIBLE.

3. FOR BRUSSELS: SMITH PLANS ARRIVE BRUSSELS FROM STRUGA AFTERNOON AUGUST 29 LEAVING FOR NEW YORK AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 2 AS BEGINS COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TEACHING COMMITMENT
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NEXT DAY. IF GOB COVERING ALL SMITH'S IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES,

STAG GRANT WILL NOT INCLUDE PER DIEM OR DOMESTIC TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR BELGIUM. PLEASE ADVISE AND ALSO SEND DETAILS OF INTERNATIONAL POETRY BIENNIAL.

4. FOR ATHENS: SMITH VACATIONING IN GREECE EN ROUTE YUGOSLAVIA. ARRIVING ATHENS AFTERNOON AUGUST 19 LEAVING MORNING AUGUST 25 FOR BELGRADE. SMITH AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH OTHER POETS AND WRITERS, READINGS AND TALKS IF POST ABLE DEVELOP EFFECTIVE STAG PROGRAM (CU/WE FUNDED). AS SMITH HAS VISITED ONLY ATHENS BRIEFLY WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE PROGRAMMED THERE AND ELSEWHERE PROVIDED SCHEDULE NOT TOO STRENUOUS. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. SMITH, 56, BORN LOUISIANA, HOLDS BA AND MA WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, WAS RHODES SCHOLAR AND STUDIED TWO YEARS UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE. FLUENT IN FRENCH. SMITH WAS FY 1970 STAG TO ELEVEN EE AND NEA COUNTRIES WHILE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CONSULTANT IN POETRY (1968-1971). BIODATA IN DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS VOLUME II AND UP-DATED CURRICULUM VITAE WILL BE SENT SOONEST. FRENCH-BORN WIFE ACCOMPANYING SMITH AS SHE DID DURING NEA STAG PROGRAM. SISCO

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